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SDA Officials Break Ground for New James Madison Elementary School in Garfield



Garfield, NJ – New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) CEO Charles McKenna joined Garfield School District leaders today to break ground for the new James Madison Elementary School. Once completed, the school will be the third new facility built by the SDA in Garfield.

“Today we celebrate the start of a new school that will provide the Garfield School District with an educational environment where its students can achieve their maximum potential,” said SDA CEO Charles McKenna. “Once complete, this new school will help address overcrowding in the District and serve generations of Garfield students.”

The new James Madison Elementary School Number 10 is being built on the site of the former Most Holy Name School, which was demolished by the SDA in 2015. The new, approximately 53,000 square foot elementary school facility is designed to educate approximately 275 students from kindergarten through fifth grades. The school will include 13 general education classrooms, two self-contained special education classrooms, four small group instruction rooms, a cafeteria, a multipurpose room with stage, music and art rooms, a computer room and a media center. The facility is anticipated for student occupancy in September 2018.

Brockwell & Carrington Contractors, Inc. of Towaco, New Jersey was awarded a \$16.7 million contract for the construction of the new school. The architect is Fraytak Veisz Hopkins Duthie, P.C. of Trenton and The McCloud Group of Hoboken is the construction manager. The total estimated project costs are \$29.7 million.

The SDA has invested nearly \$70 million in completed projects in Garfield alone since the inception of the school construction program. This includes two new facilities – Garfield Early Childhood Center and Garfield Middle School – and 15 Health and Safety/Grant/Emergent Projects. Its current portfolio of active projects is valued at approximately \$2 billion – including the Capital Project portfolio, emergent projects and Regular Operating District grants.

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